

**Electric Utilities Task Group  
Friday, June 18, 2010  
New Shoreham Town Hall  
Old Town Road  
12:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Michael Ballard, Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn. Also present in the audience were Bryan Wilson and Dan West from the Block Island Times. Nancy Dodge and Dr. Peter Baute arrived late.

Meeting was called to order by Barbara MacMullan at 12:30 p.m.

**Approval of minutes, May 14, 2010**

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard.

Ayes 4 (Ballard, Shorey, MacMullan, Penn)

Nays 0

**Deepwater Update**

Mr. Wilson reported that the new legislation had been signed. He distributed a projected timeline for PUC hearings. There was discussion about the legislation including a definition of commercially reasonable rates. Bill Penn suggested that now was the time for the committee to put forth actual numbers for what electric bills would look like. Barbara MacMullan and Michael Ballard will work on this for next month.

**Onshore wind turbine update**

The status of the Washington County Regional Planning Grant was discussed. It was noted that this will be decided in August. Also discussed were RI Renewable Energy Fund and stimulus funds that were still available.

**PUC docket-re: Distribution and cable update**

These are two separate dockets. A docket has been opened for the cable only. Nancy Dodge later reported that there is a distribution docket also.

**NEWEEP Webinar “the impact of Wind Power Projects on Residential property values.**

This study found that there was no significant impact on property values. This led to much discussion about other studies. Barbara MacMullan will make sure that the public has the links to other studies.

**Island Energy Plan Committee Update**

Barbara MacMullan reported that the Committee was working on their revised draft of the Energy Component to the New Shoreham Comprehensive Plan.

Next meeting: July 16, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. in a motion by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Bill Penn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

